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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,  
Applicant identifies the materials listed below and on the  
modified form PTO-1449 accompanying this submission:

OTHER MATERIALS

Pages 1029-1034 of a McMaster-Carr catalog (undated;  
available to Applicant prior to January 21, 2004).

One page brochure of Guardian Flexible Curved Jaw  
Couplings (dated November 3, 2003).

Two pages of information concerning Big Boy couplings  
(dated November 3 and 8, 2003).

Three pages of information concerning Superflex Super  
Elastic Couplings (dated November 3, 2003).


Copies of the listed materials are enclosed. Applicant does not concede that the identified materials, or any of them, constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

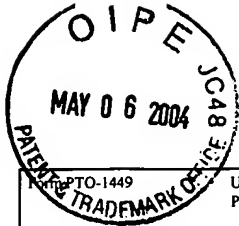
Applicant is submitting this paper before receipt of an Office Action concerning the merits of the invention claimed in the application and thus believes no fee is due. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, if Applicant's belief is mistaken, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account No. 11-0855 for any such fee presently due.

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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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